

1. Name **Davis House**

2. Planning Area/Site Number **10/59**

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference **Map 1,  
Coordinate  
H-17**

4. Address **Frederick Road, Hyattstown, Md.**  
Hyattstown Historic District

5. Classification Summary

Category **Building in a district**

Ownership **private**

Public Acquisition **no**

Status **unoccupied**

Accessible **no**

Present use **abandoned**

Previous Survey Recording **M-MNCPPC** Federal        State **X** County **xx** Local         
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6. Date **1810-1820**

7. Original Owner **George Davis**

8. Apparent Condition

a. **Deteriorated**

c. **Original Site**

b. **Altered**

9. Description

Federal style, of brick construction with Flemish bond brickwork in front, brick dentil cornices, flush fireplace chimneys at each end. Full length porch, once topped with a balcony opening from the second floor. Built on lot #35, one of the original 105 quarter acre lots laid out by Jesse Hyatt in 1798 on the Georgetown-Frederick Road, called the "Great Road."

10. Significance

As an example of brick, Federal style architecture, the Davis House cannot be compared in the northwestern part of the county. Historically the house is significant also, and it figured in two wars. George Davis, builder, organized the Hyattstown Volunteers in response to the threat of war -- the War of 1812. During the Civil War, rebels stole supplies from resident Nicholas Worthington who filled out a government form requesting reimbursement from the capitol. Jacob and Mary Tabler lived at the Davis House after the war. "Jake" flew the stars and stripes from the front porch, and dressed in the uniform he wore at the Battle of Gettysburg as an army captain for the Union. Levi Price owned the property at one time, and later operated Price's Distillery, south of Hyattstown. In the early 20th century "Miss Nellie" Burdette opened a hotel in the building.

11. Date researched **1977-1978, Friends of Historic Hyattstown, Inc.**

12. Compiler **Peg Coleman**

Susan Kuklewitz  
13. Date Compiled **11/3/78** 14. Designation **Architectural Description**

15. Acreage: **1/4 acre**

Approval

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Davis House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN Hyattstown

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
8

STATE Maryland

COUNTY  
Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Friends of Historic Hyattstown

Telephone #: 831-8504

STREET & NUMBER  
Box 38

CITY, TOWN Hyattstown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 20734

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE 1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville

STATE  
Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Davis House is a brick Federal style house. The east (front) facade is constructed of flemish bonded brick and the sides of common bond. The cornice line is decorative brick work in a sawtooth design. There is a gable roof and the north and south end chimneys are built flush against the wall. Wooden louvered shutters close the flat arched windows. It was not possible to ascertain how many lights were used in each window, although it is safe to assume that they are double hung windows. In the north and south gables there are two fixed four light windows near the peak of the gable. The original shake shingle roof is now covered by corrugated tin. The two story rear ell was torn down about ten years ago. The hole which it left has allowed much water damage to affect the interior. Two rear first floor windows have deteriorated to such a point that they have collapsed and another large hole now scars the fabric of the rear (west) facade. This house was once an elegant and graceful Federal style house. The remains of the full length porch may be seen on the east (front) facade in greatly deteriorated condition. At one time this porch was topped by a balustrade and was accessible from the second floor.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1810-1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

The Davis House located in the center of Hyattstown, Maryland, was built between the years 1810 and 1820. It is situated on lot #35, one of the original 105 quarter acre lots which were laid out by Jesse Hyatt in 1798 on the "Great Road" from Georgetown to Frederick Town.

The first man to purchase lot #35 was George Davis who paid 20 pounds for it.<sup>1</sup> In the year 1812 it was George Davis who organized the Hyattstown Volunteers as the town's response to the War of 1812. In 1815, lot #35 was sold to Daniel Collins,<sup>2</sup> who was the town's first Constable and one of its early merchants, a tailor. That same year, Joseph Anderson purchased the property and was the first known resident of the fine brick house. He was also the owner of a smithshop in town, while living in the brick house 30 years. It is interesting to note that 3 free colored persons lived with Joseph Anderson.<sup>3</sup>

From 1850 to 1878, the house changed ownership several times. During the years of the Civil War, it was lived in by Nicholas Worthington, a wealthy merchant and his wife and young daughter. Confederate soldiers, during a brief stay in Hyattstown in September of 1862, commandeered supplies from Worthington. Worthington later requested reimbursement for 90 bushes of corn, 30 bushels of oats, and numerous quantities of hay.<sup>4</sup> He sold the property a year later. After the War Between the States, in 1866, Levi Price was the new owner.<sup>5</sup> He later purchased and ran what is known as Price's Distillery, a large property with several homes and the distillery just outside of the town.

In the late 1800's many prominent countrymen passed by on their way to and from Washington. From 1868 to about 1910, Jacob Tabler and his wife Mary lived in the brick house. It is remembered by many local residents that "Jake" Tabler was proud of his participation in the Civil War as a Union Army Captain and a veteran of the Battle of Gettysburg. He flew the flag from the front porch and dressed in his Army uniform on all special occasions. (See Historian's Photo.)

Not until the early 20th century did Nellie Burdette who lived across the road in the Hyatt Hotel, move into the house.<sup>6</sup> When travellers would stop at the Darby General Store inquiring of lodgings, they were referred to "Miss Nellie". It was said that if you gave her one hour notice, she could catch, kill and prepare a chicken for your dinner.

During the middle years of the 20th century, the school and numerous merchants moved to larger areas. The lovely Federal Style brick house that saw many travellers and Presidential caravans on route to the country is sitting silently, waiting for someone to decide its place in time.

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(Footnotes on Attachment Sheet A)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.

U.S. Census Records.

Montgomery County Assessment and Equity Records.

"Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms", National Archives, Vouchers #14 &amp; 15, 1862.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2 acre**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Lots 35 and 89

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Susan Kuklewicz

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

January 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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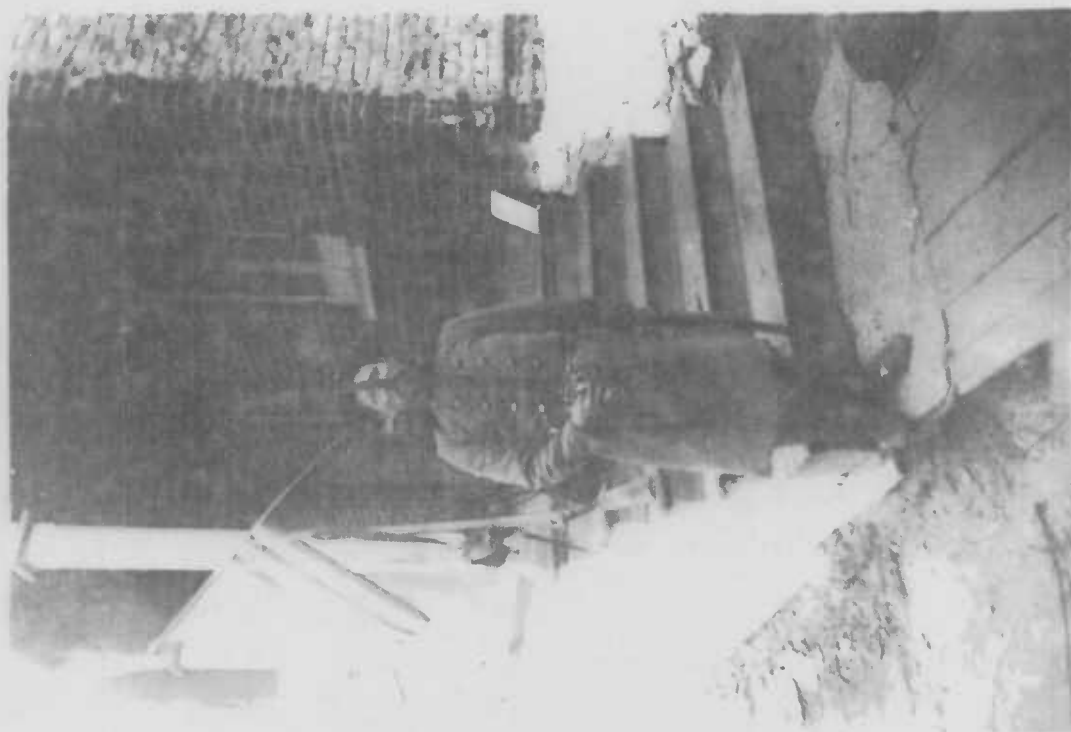
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FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. 0/260.
2. Ibid., S19/197.
3. Ibid., S19/198; Montgomery County Assessment Records, 1820; U.S. Census, 1840.
4. "Confederate Papers Relating to Citizens or Business Firms", National Archives, Vouchers #14 & 15, 1862.
5. Land Records, Op. Cit., EBP2/589.
6. Montgomery County Equity Records, #23/294.

Hyattstown 1907  
Davis House

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Milton Grand Father

M<sup>o</sup>10/59/1 Davis House

Direction: West





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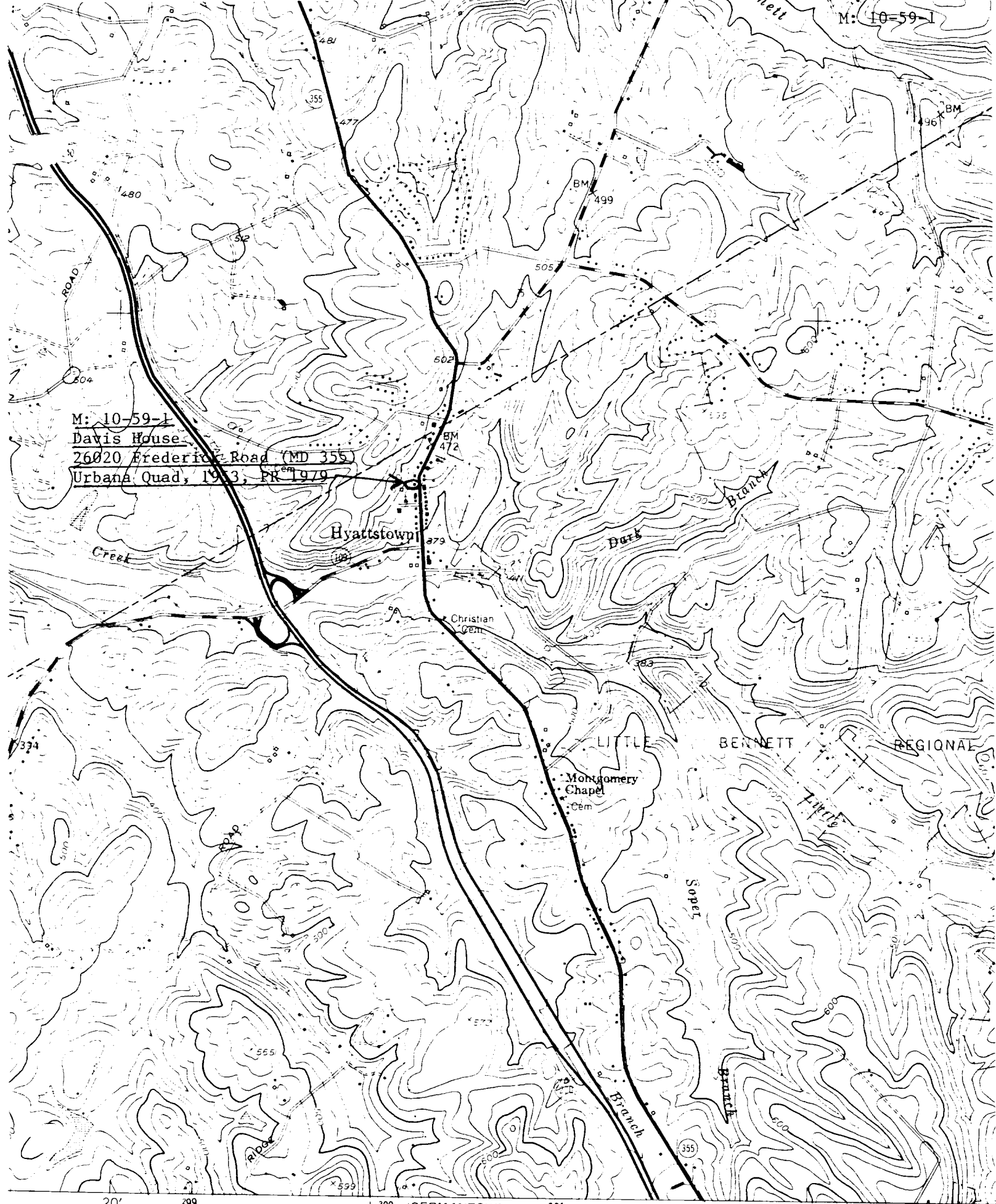
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Davis House  
26020 Frederick Road (MD 355)  
Urbana Quad, 1953, PR 1979



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SCALE 1:24000

1 MILE







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Davis House (Residence)

Hyattstown, Maryland

Photographer: Joseph J. Davis

Date: 24 Nov. 1978

Negative: held by photographer

Direction: Southwest

Photo File No: 782603

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